

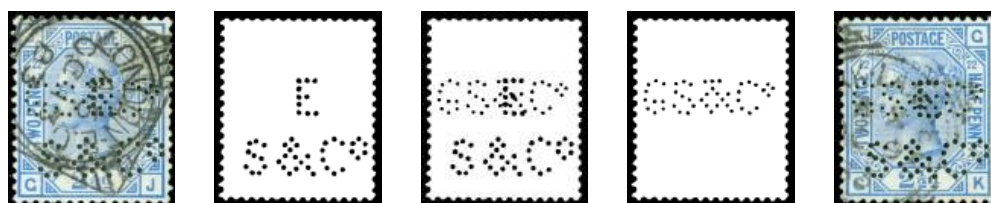
'Dual' Perfins.

'**Double**' Perfins (i.e. two strikes of the *same* Perfin on one stamp) are not that common, but examples are known to exist. Here we have a QV 1d red plate 215, postmarked 'D57' (Bute Docks) with "BOVEY" (B5480.01) double-struck, thought to have been used by John Bovey & Co, Steamship Owners, Bute Docks, Cardiff. Two more examples are shown below.



However, their existence is not really a surprise as they can be readily explained as being either the result of lack of concentration on behalf of the press operator, or possibly a deliberate attempt 'just to see what it would look like' - see multiple strike of "GE/C" (G1540.01M)! Although not pretty, the third example (B16520.02M) suggests the die was multiheaded.

'**Dual**' Perfins (i.e. two *different* Perfins appearing on the same stamp), on the other hand, are much, much rarer. The only cause I can reasonably offer is a Perfin provider perforating stamps with the wrong 'Perfin', then rectified the error by perforating the stamps again with the required 'Perfin'. No doubt there would have to be a reasonable discount offered to encourage the customer to accept the 'Dual Perfin' batch rather than carry the loss themselves.

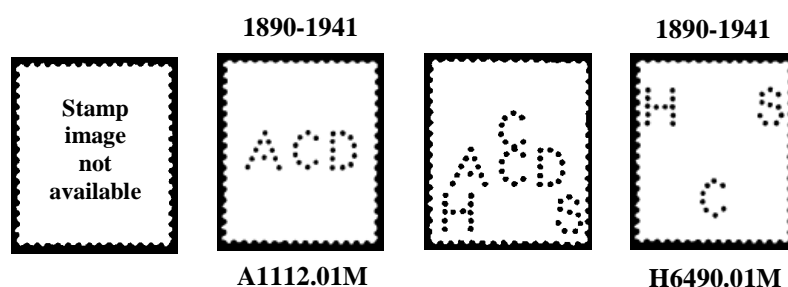


In 2009 all references that could be found to 'Dual Perfins' were pulled together - there were *ten* in all - and published in Bulletin N^o. 365 (April 2010) - shown below. {**Red** are errors}.

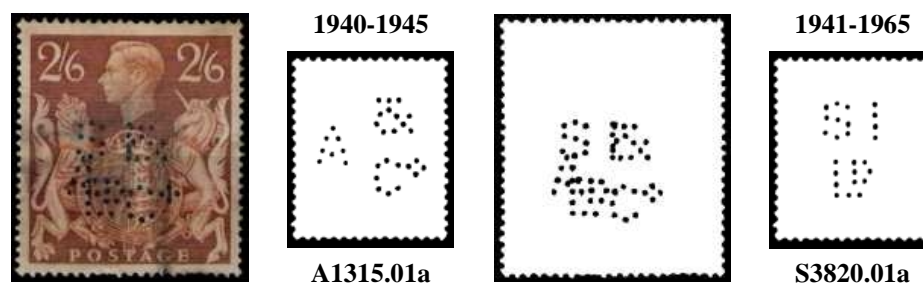
	Bulletin	Letters	Cat No	Letters	Cat No	Stamp
1	B33 p4	JS/&S	???	B.T./A.	B7080.01	I(RC) 2d
2	B283 p7	TR/C	T3830.01	W.B/CL	W0600.02	H 1d
3	B314 p7	GB/&C ^o	G0480.01	P.D/&C ^o .	P1565.01	QV 1d Red
4	B360 p27	J/B/E	J0730.01	J.B.E/&S	J0740.01a	J 2/6d (Type 'A')
5	B360 p27	P	<i>P0010.12</i>	P	<i>P0010.26</i>	I(BC) ½d & 3d
6	B360 p27	E/S&C ^o	E4270.01M	GS&C ^o	G4570.02	QV 2½d (plate 23)
7	B364 p16	A(&/C ^o)	A1315.01a	SI/L ^d	S3820.01a	Q 2/6d (br)
8	B364 p16	OA/BG	O0060.01M	LA	L5770.01	Eire SG114
9	B365	YY	Y1270.01	YY	Y1270.02	U(SEC) 1/-
10	B365	WILLS	W4370.01M	IT/C ^o	I2520.01	W 5½p

Over the intervening years, more have been added bringing the total up to **twenty-four**. Each is shown below with as much detail as is currently known, now arranged in **alpha-order**. A new table is also included at the end of the study, corrected in the light of current knowledge.

- “ACD” (A1112.01), a **6x1** multiheaded die used by J Sloper & Co to perforate stamps for **Davey & Co (London) Ltd**, Ships’ Lamps and Fittings Mfrs, 88 West India Dock Road, London E14. The second Perfin is a split of “HS/C” (H6490.01M), another **6x1** mhd used by J Sloper & Co to perforate stamps for **Hopkins, Son & Cookes**, Average Adjusters, A4 Exchange Buildings, Liverpool, and 91 Gracechurch St, London EC. The stamp involved and postmark (if any) are not known!

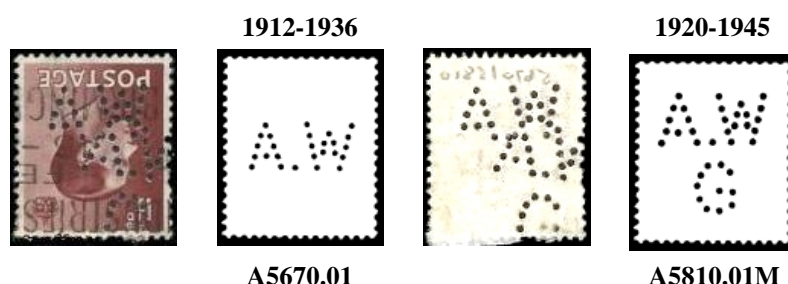


- “A[&C^o]” (A1315.01a), user unknown, and “SI/L^d” (S3820.01a), used by **Spillers Industries Ltd**, North Ferriby, Yorks, on a 2/6d (br) issue ‘Q’. The 2/6d (brown) stamp was issued in green on 9th March 1942. Without a postmark, it’s not possible to say who used the stamp sometime during 1942-1945, but J Sloper & Co would have carried out the stamp perforation.

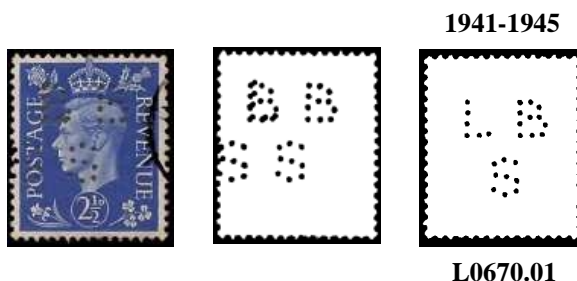


Both this ‘Dual Perfin’ and the one above would have been an error on the part of J Sloper & Co, as all four Perfins involved were ‘in-house’ Sloper Dies.

- Spotted in June 2019 by **Peter Maybury** is this 1½d issue ‘O’ with “A.W” (A5670.01), known used 1912-1935 (extends to 1936 with this stamp) by **Allan, Whyte & Co**, Clyde Patent Rope Works, Glasgow, and “A.W/G” (A5810.01M) known used 1920-1945 by **A W Gamage Ltd**, Department Store, London EC1. It’s difficult to reconcile a Glasgow and London Perfin on the same stamp unless both companies were supplied perforated stamps by the same provider, and an order had been perforated in error.



- Originally listed as a Dual Perfin consisting of "BB" (B0410.01a) and "L/SS" (L5128.01), **John Mathews** has suggested this is no more than a double-strike of "LB/S" (L0670.01) with the first "L" off-stamp. Looks plausible to me.



- B.T./A." (B7080.02) and "JS/&S" (J7230.02) on a KGVI 2d Issue 'Q'.

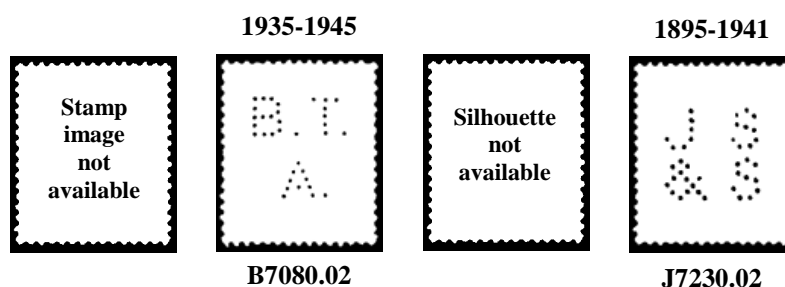
This reference is the earliest I can find to a 'Dual' Perfin, published (without any illustrations) in the '*G.B. Perfin Study Group Newsletter*' N^o. 33 (June 1962), page 4.

WHO KNOWS The ANSWER?

Having read the above article how about someone trying to unravel the following little mystery sent us by Mr Young? He writes:-

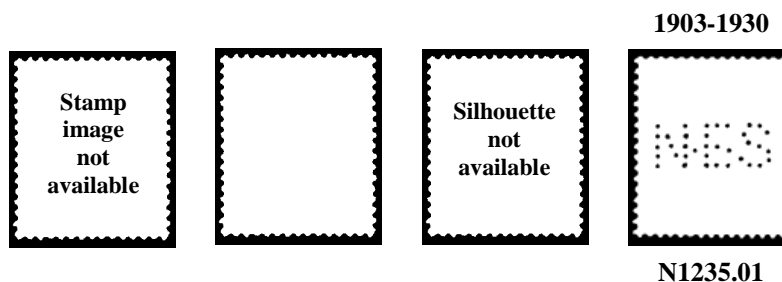
I have a 2d G.VI (die 1) with two distinct perforations. In the horizontal position it reads JS/&S 7,10/14,10 5mm., but in this sideways position there is B.T/A 15,7/10 4½mm.- (There might be a stop after the 'T' or the 'A'). I haven't heard of a "double" of this kind before.

The writer, Mr Young, must have been Keith Rymer Young (1895-1982), a founder member of the Perfin Society, and President 1973-1979. The stamp is described as a **KGVI** 2d 'Die I', but as I don't know what 'Die I' refers to, I've taken it simply to be a 2d issue 'Q' (issued 31st January 1938). This stamp was replaced by a lighter colour on 6th October 1941. The only die to fit the hole specification for the sideways Perfins is "B.T./A." (B7080.02), in use 1935-1945, user unknown. The only contender to fit the hole specification and time period for the upright Perfin is "JS/&S" (J7230.02), *thought* to have been used by Joseph Sankey & Sons in Liverpool, 1895-1941. Again, without a postmark, it's not possible to say who used the stamp sometime during 1938-1941, but it is known that J Sloper & Co perforated this "JS/&S" for Joseph Sankey & Sons.



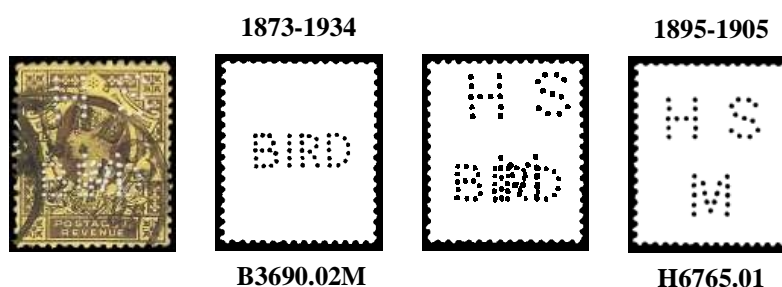
- “B/∫C⁰” (???) and “N.E.S” (N1235.01) on a 1d issue ‘F’, postmarked London.

This reference was published (without any illustrations) in the ‘*Security Endorsement & Perfin Society of G.B.*’ N^o. 180 (March/April 1979), page ? There are eight possibilities for “B/∫C⁰” in use c1905, but without a specification or illustration it’s impossible to say which one it is.

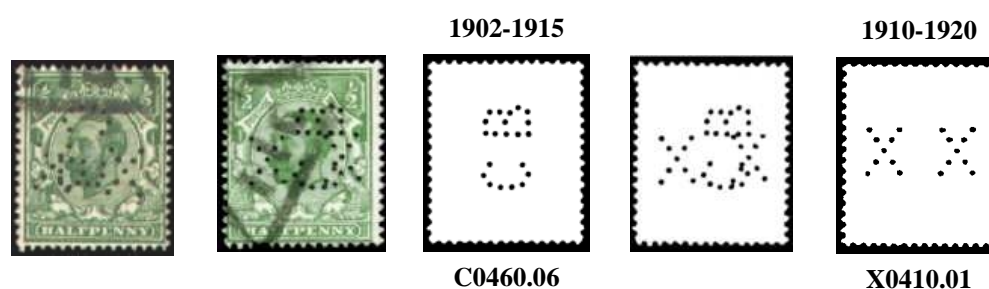


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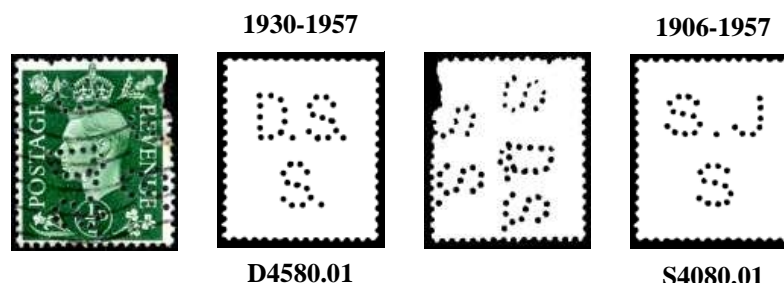
- “BIRD” (B3690.02M), known used 1873-1934 by *Bolling & Lowe Ltd*, London EC, and “HS/M” (H6765.01), used in Manchester 1895-1905, user unknown. The stamp is a QV 3d Jubilee (issue ‘E’), postmarked London, 1895. This suggests that the ‘error’ Perfin was “HS/M”, which was ‘corrected’ to read “BIRD”.



- “CB” (C 0460.06), known used by *Curzon Bros*, London EC, 1902-1915, and “XX” (X0410.01), known used 1910-1915, user unknown, with no postmark evidence. Two examples have been reported, both with an incomplete ‘Triangular’ postmark.



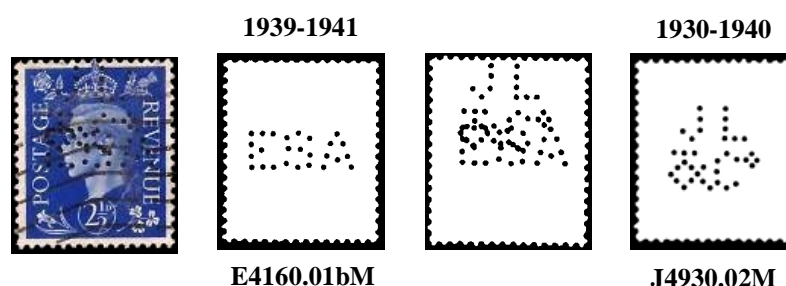
- “D.S./S.” (D4580.01), known used 1930-1957 by *Drabble & Sanderson Ltd*, Sheffield, and “S.J/S” (S4080.01), known used 1906-1957 by *Spear & Jackson Ltd*, Sheffield. The stamp involved is a KGVI ½d (green) (code ‘Q’), issued 10th May 1937, and replaced 1st September 1941 by the ½d pale green. This dates the stamp to c1939. With both companies based in Sheffield, it’s impossible to say which Perfin is the ‘wrong’ one.



D4580.01

S4080.01

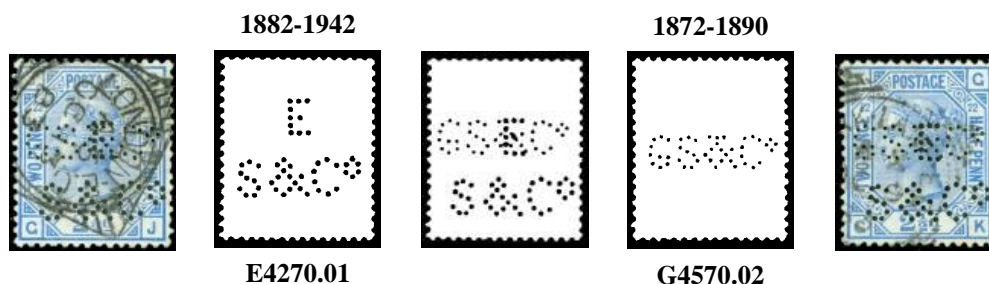
- “ESA” (E4160.01bM), thought to be a **12x1** multiheaded die used by J Sloper & Co to perforate stamps for *The Education Supply Association Ltd*, Esavian House, 181 High Holborn, London WC, and “JL/&C^o” (J4930.02M), almost certainly a Sloper die used to perforate stamps for four different customers. The stamp involved was a KGVI 2½d issue ‘Q’, dating to c1939. Both dies would have been destroyed in the ‘Blitz’ on Sloper’s premises in May 1941. Two different examples, both on 2½d ‘Q’ have been reported.



E4160.01bM

J4930.02M

- “E/S&C^o” (E4270.01M), known used 1882-1942 by *Edmund Schluter & Co*, London EC, and “GS&C^o” (G4570.02M), known used 1872-1890 in London EC, by an unknown user. The stamp is a QV 2½d plate 22, with two examples known - one dated the 9th October 1883 (GK), and the other the 13th October 1883 (GJ). With both companies based in London EC, it’s impossible to say which Perfin is the ‘wrong’ one.

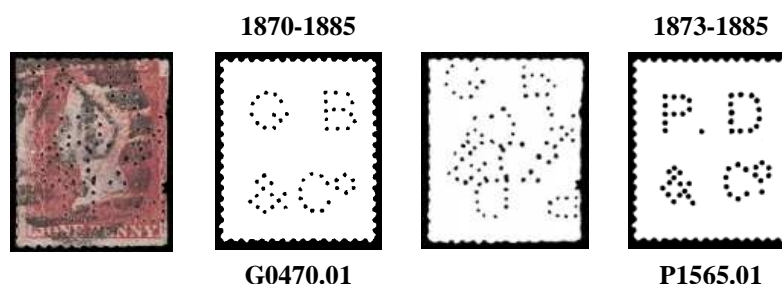


E4270.01

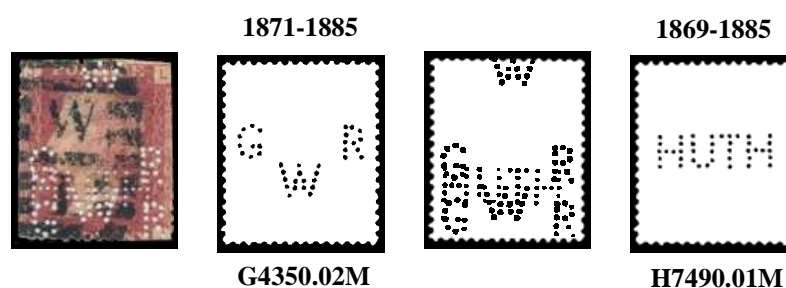
G4570.02

- “GB/∞C^o” (G0470.01), known used 1870-1885 *possibly* by *George Boor & Co*, Wholesale Druggists, London EC, and “P.D/∞C^o.” (P1565.01), *thought* to have been used 1873-1885 by *Pearce, Duff & Co*, Baking Powder manufacturers, London SE. The stamp involved is a QV 1d Red plate 201, which was first put to press 21st November 1877, and defaced 6th September 1879, dating the stamp to c1878.

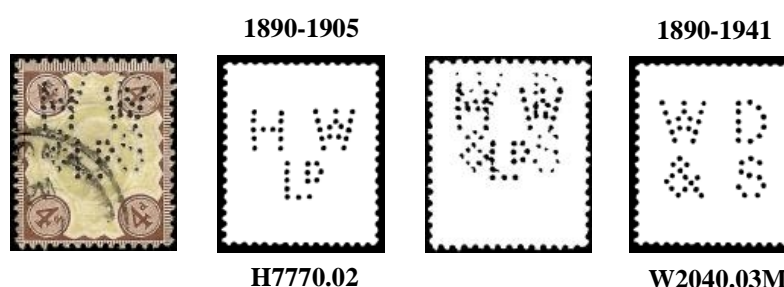
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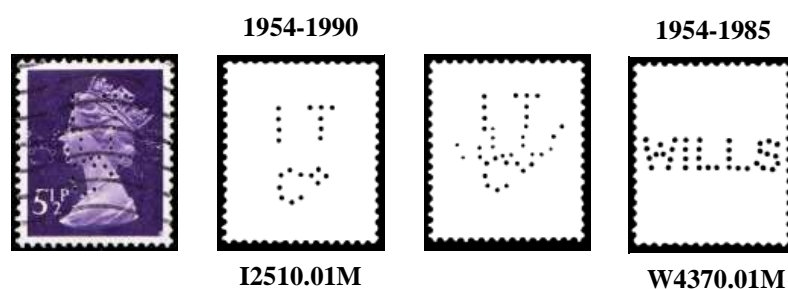
- “GR/W” (G4350.02M), known used 1871-1885 by the *Great Western Railway*, and “HUTH” (H7490.01M), known used 1869-1885 by *Frederick Huth & Co*, London EC. The stamp involved is a QV 1d Red plate 143 first put to press 7th October 1870, and defaced 12th September 1874, so perhaps used c1872. Both companies used initialled stamps supplied by J Sloper & Co, so it must have been an error on Sloper’s part. The London W duplex cancel tells us that “HUTH” was Perfined in error.



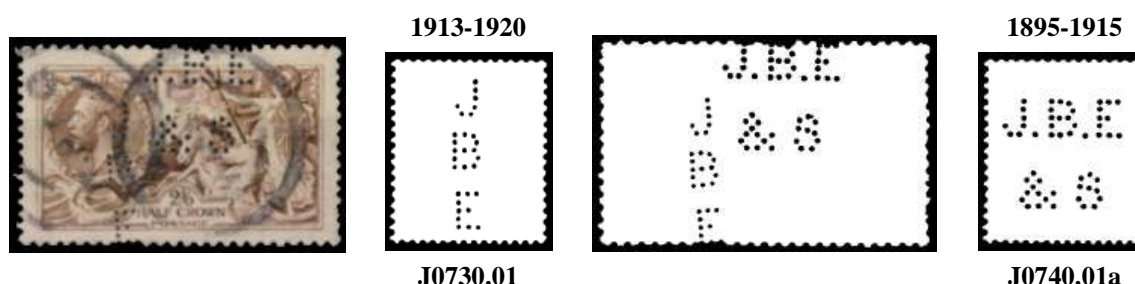
- “HW/L^d” (H7770.02), known used 1890-1905 by *H Williamson Ltd*, Wholesale Jewellers, London EC, and “WD/∞S” (W2040.03M), known used by *Wm Dawson & Sons Ltd*, Booksellers, Newsvendors, Fleet St, London EC. The die used for Wm Dawson & Sons Ltd was an ‘in-house’ Sloper die, presumed destroyed in the “Blitz” on Sloper’s premises in May 1941. This fact points to the probability that the “HW/L^d” die was also an ‘in-house’ Sloper die.



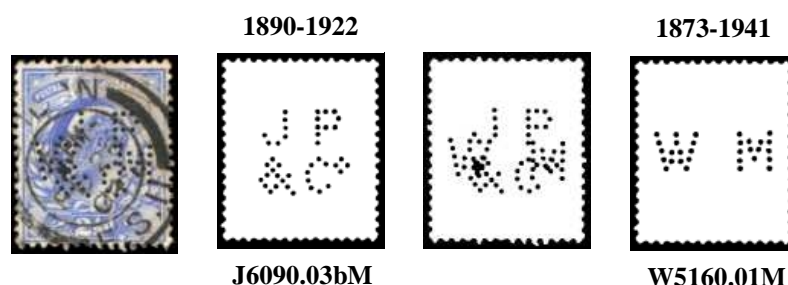
- “IT/C^o” (I2520.01M), known used 1954-1990 by the *Imperial Tobacco Co (of Great Britain & Ireland) Ltd*, Bristol, and “WILLS” (W4370.01M), known used 1954-1985 by *W D & H O Wills*, a branch of the Imperial Tobacco Co (of Great Britain & Ireland) Ltd, Bristol. The stamp involved is a 5½p Machin (Issue ‘W’), which was introduced 24th October 1973. The ½p was demonetized in December 1984, so stamp used c1979.



- “J/B/E” (J0730.01), known used 1913-1920 by *John B Ellison & Sons*, Woollen Merchants, London W, and “J.B.E/&S” (J0740.01a), known used 1895-1915, *probably* by *John B Ellison & Sons*, London W. The stamp is a KGV 2/6d Seahorse (Type ‘A’), and probably dates to c1915.



- “JP/&C^o” (J6090.03bM), known used 1890-1922 by *J Pollock & Co*, London EC, and “WM” (W5160.01M) known used 1873-1941 by *Wm F Malcolm & Co*, London EC, on a 2½d issue ‘F’ postmarked (Lon)don F.S.11, FE 26/04. The logical explanation for this ‘Dual-Perfin’ is an error on J Sloper & Co’s part perforating sheets of stamps with the wrong set of initials, and not wishing to waste the stamps, simply perforated them with the correct initials. Mind you, if I was the customer I would want a significant discount!



The use of “WM” (W3160.01M) has also been noted with the single letters “A”, “H”, and “S”, which in the past have been thought to be early ‘variables’, but in the light of the above they may well be ‘Dual’ Perfins. They are shown on the next page for reference.

Letter A - Unfortunately I don't have any scans of the fronts of the three stamps reported which are all issue 'F', ½d (bl-gn), 3d, ½d (bl-gn) respectively:



Letter H - Reported on a 1d issue 'F', with part 'English/Welsh' Duplex.

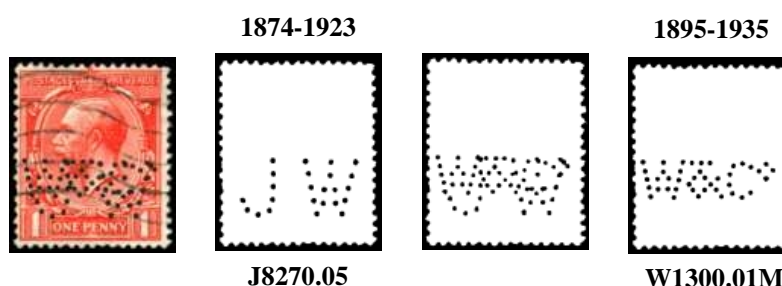


Letter S - The only one with discernable postmarks - 'C91' for West Malling. Could this be significant, or just coincidence?

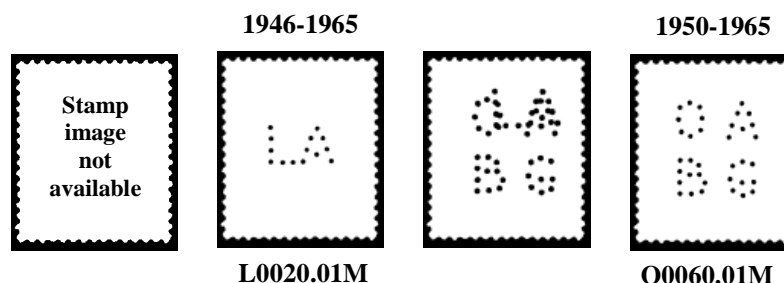


All are on KEVII definitives, so they could all be part of the same 'error' batch of stamps perforated "WM" which were all re-perforated and sold to other customers.

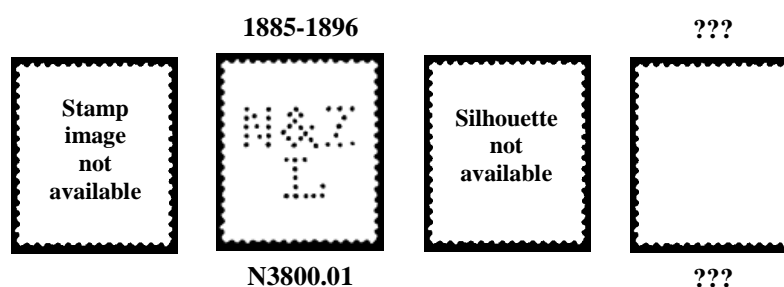
- JW" (J8270.05), known used 1874-1923, probably by *James Williamson & Sons*, London EC - Works at Lancaster, and "W&C" (W1300.01M), known used 1895-1935 by *Witherby & Co*, London EC. The stamp involved is a KGV 1d Typograph with Royal Cypher watermark, dating to c1918.



- “LA” (L5770.01), known used 1946-1965 by *The London Assurance* in both the U.K. and Eire, and “OA/BG” (O0060.01M), known used 1950-1965 by the *Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation Ltd*, also known used both in the U.K. and Eire. The stamp is a 2p grey-green (SG114) issued in January 1940, and not superseded until 1968 by the ‘Gerl issue. The stamp may well date to c1960. {See B364, page 16}.

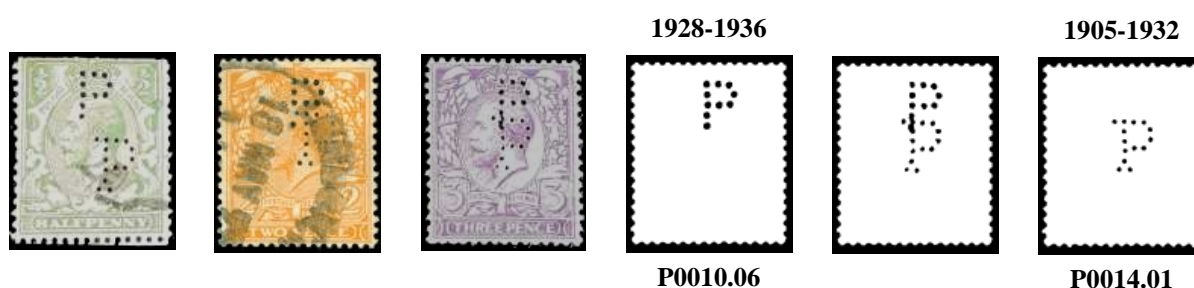


- “N&Z/L” (N3800.01), known used 1885-1896 by *Negretti & Zambra Ltd*, London W, and “RB/&C°.” (???). The stamp involved is a QV 1d Lilac (16 dots), postmarked London. This reference was published (without any illustrations) in the *Security Endorsement & Perfin Society of G.B.* No. 180 (March/April 1979), page ?

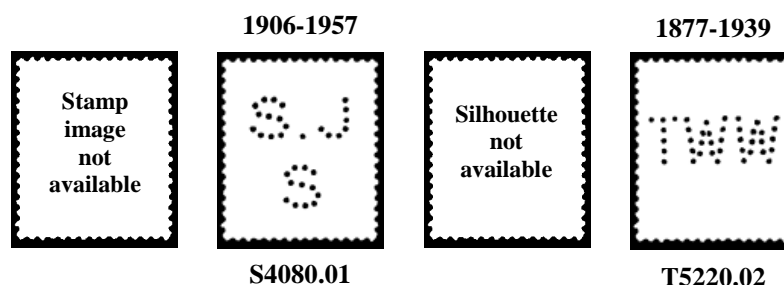


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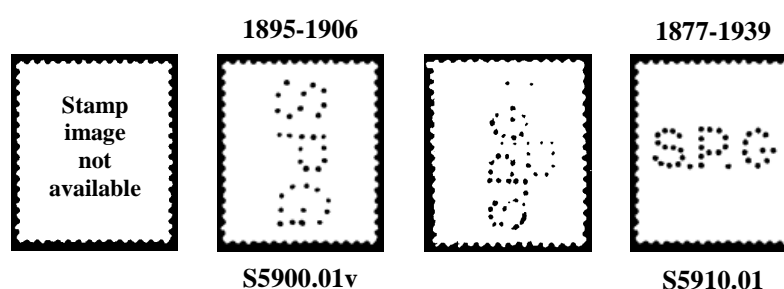
- ‘POKO’ “P” (P0010.06), known used 1928-1936 by *Parke, Davis & Co*, Mfg Chemists, London W1, and “P” (P0014.01), known used 1905-1932, also by *Parke, Davis & Co*, London W1. The stamps in question are a ½d, 2d & 3d KGV Typograph with Multiple Cypher watermark, introduced in 1924, and not replaced until 1935. The ‘POKO’ machine would have been in the offices of *Parke, Davis & Co*, so presumably an employee made up a coil from a sheet of stamps already perforated with P0014.01 for use in the POKO machine, resulting in the ‘Dual’ Perfin. The ‘Dual Perfin’ stamps would have been used sometime between 1928 and 1932, say c1930.



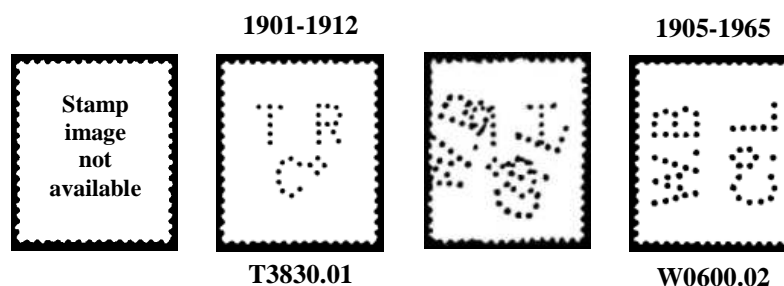
- “SJ/S” (S4080.01), known used 1906-1957 by *Spear & Jackson Ltd*, Sheffield, and “TWW” (T5220.02), known used 1895-1945 by *Thomas W Ward Ltd*, Sheffield, reported on a 2½d issue ‘F’, postmarked Sheffield.



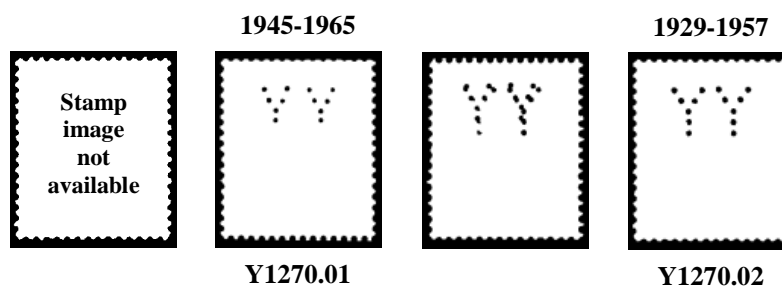
- “SPG” (S5900.01v) and “S.P.G” (S5910.01). All that is recorded in the Bulletin is that the stamp is a QV 2½d Jubilee (code ‘E’) with one Perfin struck from the front and the other from the back, although the ‘Dual Perfin’ silhouette suggests otherwise. One of the dies is “S.P.G” (S5910.01), and the other is “SPG”, one of the ‘many variable (clamped together) dies. Both dies were used by the *Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts*, 19 Delahay St, and 15 Tufton St, London SW. The stamp was probably used c1895. Waterlow & Son are thought to have used the ‘clamped’ single letter die technique to perforate stamps for customers.



- “TR/C^o” (T3830.01), known used 1901-1912 in London EC by *Thomas Ronaldson & Co Ltd*, Shipowners, and “W.B/C^o.L” (W0600.02), known used 1905-1965 by *Wm Briggs & Co Ltd*, Manchester. The stamp involved is a KGV 1d McKennal, but without a postmark, it’s not possible to say who used it c1912.



- “YY” (Y1270.01), known used 1945-1965 by *Yardley & Co Ltd*, Mfg Perfumiers, London W1, and the ‘POKO’ “YY” (Y1270.02), known used 1929-1957, also by *Yardley & Co Ltd*, London W1. The stamp involved is a 3d Wilding (code ‘U’), dating to c1957.



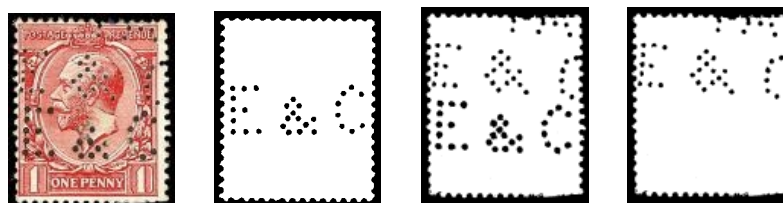
The later die, Y1270.01, was used specifically by J Sloper & Co to perforate vertical coils *for use by* Yardley’s. Now, the ‘POKO’ affixing machine (which takes vertical delivery coils) would be in the offices at Yardley’s, so the error probably came about when a Yardley’s employee loaded the POKO machine with a coil of stamps which had already been perfined by J Sloper & Co.

1853 Stamp Act - Receipts for purchases of £2 and above were liable to a stamp duty of one penny, denoted by either an embossed stamp applied by the Stamp Office or by an adhesive stamp duly *cancelled* by the person affixing the stamp. This rate was increased from 1d to 2d on 1st September 1920, but eventually abolished on 31st January 1971.

The following aren't strictly 'Dual Perfins', as one of them is a fiscal puncture applied *after* the Perfinned stamp has been affixed to the item, almost certainly a receipt.

- "E&C" (E0540.01a), known used 1890-1922, *probably* by Elliston & Cavell Ltd, Drapers & Home Furnishers, Magdalen St, Oxford. Here a stamp Perfinned "E&C" has been affixed to a receipt (pre 1st September 1920) and the receipt and stamp punched with a larger 'PAID/E&C Ld' receipt cancel. The bottom of the "P" and "A" can be seen above and to the right of the type III 'Ampersand' which is part of the receipt cancel.

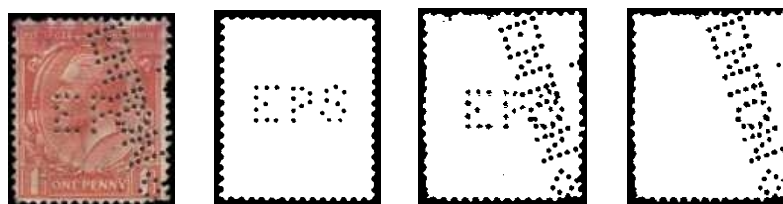
1890-1922



E0540.01a

- "EPS" (E3590.01), known used 1913-1920, *possibly* by Edward Penton & Son, Leather Merchants, London W. The second set of letters appears to be a partial of a much larger 'Receipt' cancel, *possibly* 'PAID/E PENTON & SONS'. The stamp involved is a KGV 1d Typograph (wmk Royal Cypher), probably dating to c1915.

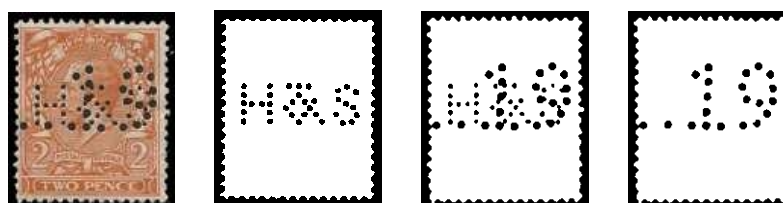
1913-1920



E3590.01

- "H&S" (H6340.04), known used 1881-1925 by Hampton & Sons Ltd, Upholsterers, London SW. The second perforation will be part of a dated receipt cancel for **1919**. The stamp is a KGV 2d (Die I) Typograph (wmk Royal Cypher) replaced by a Die II version on 21st September 1921.

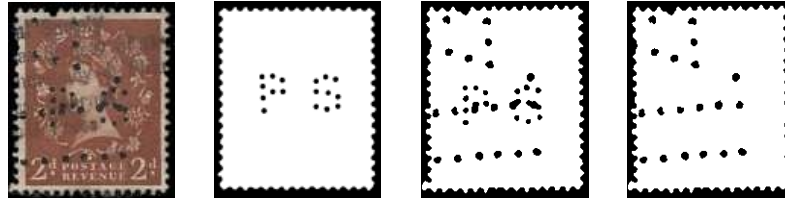
1881-1925



H6340.04

- “PS” (P4110.01M), a Sloper **12x1** multiheaded die, known used 1942-1980 to supply perforated stamps to three different organisations. The other ‘puncture’ is indeterminate. The stamp, a QEII 2d (light brown) was introduced 17th October 1956, and not replaced until 5th February 1968, dating it to c1960. The “PS” die was once a “BS”.

1942-1980



P4110.01M

PERFINS of Great Britain. 'Dual' Perfins

Table showing brief details of the Perfins and stamps involved.
Information correct to *19th April 2020*.

	Letters	Cat No	Letters	Cat No	Stamp	Reference	
1	ACD	A1112.01M	HS/C (Split)	H6490.01M	???	B319 p9	AS
2	A[&/C°]	A1315.01a	SI/L ^d	S3820.01a	Q 2/6d (br)	B364 p16	IH
3	A.W	A5670.01	A.W/G	A5810.01M	O 1½d	---	PM
4	B.T./A.	B7080.02	JS/&S	???	Q 2d	B33 p4	KRY
5	B&C°	???	N.E.S	N1235.01	F 1d	B180 p??	MB
6	BIRD	B3690.02M	HS/M	H6765.01	E 3d	---	PA
7	C.B	C0460.01	XX	X0410.01	H 1d - 2 examples	---	BW/RM
8	D.S./S.	D4580.01	S.J/S	S4080.01	Q ½d	---	RM
9	ESA	E4160.01bM	JL/&C°	J4930.02M	Q 2½d - 2 examples	B319 p9	JL/NH
10	JP/&C°	J6090.03bM	WM	W5160.01M	F 2½d	---	RD
11	E/S&C°	E4270.01M	GS&C°	G4570.02	QV 2½d (pl 22)	B360 p27	S-G
12	GB/&C°	G0470.01	P.D/&C°	P1565.01	QV 1d Red plate 201	B314 p7	MH
13	GR/W	G4350.02M	HUTH	H7490.01M	QV 1d Red plate 143	---	AS
14	HW/L ^d	H7770.02	WD/&S	W2040.03M	F 4d (gr/bn)	'---	S-G
15	IT/C°	I2520.01M	WILLS	W4370.01M	W 5½p	B365 p9	KK
16	J/B/E	J0730.01	J.B.E/&S	J0740.01a	J 2/6d (Type 'A')	B360 p27	IH
17	JW	J8270.05	W&C°	W1300.01M	I(RC) 1d	---	BW
18	LA	L5770.01	OA/BG	O0060.01M	Eire 2p (SG114)	---	MM
19	N&Z/L	N3800.01	RB/&C°	???	B 1d (16 dots)	B180 p??	MB
20	P	P0010.06	P	P0014.01	I(BC) ½d & 3d	B360 p27	SS
21	SJ/S	S4080.01	TWW	T5220.02	F 2½d		??
22	SPG	S5900.01v	S.P.G	S5910.01	E 2½d	B365 p9	JB
23	TR/C°	T3830.01	W.B/C°L	W0600.02	H 1d	B283 p7	AW
24	YY	Y1270.01	YY	Y1270.02	U(SEC) 3d	B365 p9	JB
Fiscal 'Dual Perfins'							
1	E&C	E0540.01a	PAID E & CL ^d	---	I(RC) 1d	---	KK
2	EPS	E3590.01	PAID E. PENTON & SONS	---	I(RC) 1d	---	PM
3	H&S	H6340.04	Part of a date in 1919	---	I(RC) 2d	---	PM
4	PS	P4110.01M	Unknown pattern	---	U(wmk n/k) 2d (lgt)	---	PM

Please note that the index numbers used here are *likely to change* from one version to the next once a new 'Dual Perfin' has been reported and slotted alphabetically into place.

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Log of changes since [Version 1.0](#) was added to the Perfin Society Website.

1. Originally listed as a 'Dual Perfin' consisting of "BB" (B0410.01a) and a new die "L/SS" (L5128.01), **John Mathews** has suggested (and I agree) that this is no more than a double-strike of "LB/S" (L0670.01) with the first "L" off-stamp. {22nd Sep 2018}.
2. Another example reported by **Robert Dedecker** of 'POKO' "P" (P0010.06), and "P" (P0014.01). The stamp is a KGV 2d Typograph (wmk Block Cypher). The blurred postmark reads LONDON, .../18 May ?? - how annoying! {26th Sep 2018}.

[Version 2.0](#) loaded to the Perfin Society Website {1st Jan 2019}.

3. Colour images for QV 2½d plate **22** added to pages 1 & 5. {21st Feb 2019}.
4. Dual Perfin "A.W" (A5670.01) and "A.W/G" (A5810.01M) added. {26th June 2019}.
5. Dual Perfin "HW/L^d" (H7770.02) and "WD/&S" (W2040.03M) added {14th Jan 2020}.
6. Fiscal 'Dual Perfin' "E&C" (E0540.01a) added to that section. {1st Feb 2020}.
7. 2nd example found with ESA and JL/&Co on 2½d 'Q' - Nigel Hall. {19th April 2020}.

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